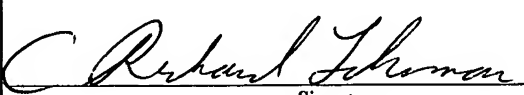



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Honorable Sir:

This is a reply to the Office Action dated March 1, 2006 regarding the above-identified patent application. Claims 1-34 are pending in the application. Currently, Claims 2, 5-7, 17, 19, 22, 23 and 26-34 have been withdrawn from consideration and Claims 1, 3, 4, 8-16, 20, 21, 24 and 25 have been rejected.

The **Current Status of the Claims** is reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 7 of this paper.

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